

## A PECULIAR CAMPAIGN

Tom Johnson the Real Issue in Ohio.

## HIS NOVEL METHODS

BRYAN DECLINES TO SPEAK IN THE STATE.

Prospect That the Republicans May Lose One or Two Members of Congress.

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

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The Ohio state campaign is peculiar, and Tom Johnson seems to be the only issue. Controlling the democratic state convention at Sandusky, Mayor Johnson dictated all the nominations, save that for food commissioner, and organizing his own state committee, placed himself at the head of it. Never before was a party represented so completely in one man in any campaign in this state. It is said that Mayor Johnson is contributing practically all the money that is being used in the democratic state campaign. That is very probable. It is always true in Ohio that the bulk of the democratic campaign funds comes from wealthy contributors. Political assessments are out of the question. There are no democratic office holders to assess.

Though the democratic state platform in the Kansas City platform as a whole, and is all that William J. Bryan could wish, little of that is heard in the democratic campaign speeches. So completely has the three silver issue been dropped, that such gold democrats as ex-representative J. H. Garfield, who was at the head of the gold democratic organization in this state in 1896, and Gilbert H. Barger, who left the party for the same reason at the same time, are back in the harness and making democratic speeches.

Bryan was announced early in the campaign to make a number of speeches in Ohio, but he has not come, and it is evident now that he is not to be here. The republicans have circulated the report that Bryan was invited to come to Ohio and accepted the invitation, but subsequently declined when he found that the nominal chairman of the democratic state committee, Harvey C. Garber, was offering the Central Union Telephone monopoly. This is probably not true, but the fact remains that Mr. Bryan is not coming to Ohio, and the chief democratic issue of 1896 is not in the background, if they are not, in fact, buried.

## Position of Mr. Johnson.

Mayor Johnson is demanding in his speeches cheaper street railway transportation, and increased taxation on railroad property. He declares that all the county auditors, who, under Ohio laws, appraise the property of railroad companies for taxation, are corrupt. He is a street railway owner himself, and while he urges that no street railway franchise be granted except on condition that the company carry passengers for 3-cent fares, his roads have always charged more when permitted to do so. When his attention is called to this, he frankly acknowledges it, and says he was only taking advantage of an opportunity that should not have been offered, but being offered, some body else would have taken advantage of it if he had not.

The fact that since the campaign has been on the question of an invalid franchise, permitting the company to charge 3-cent fares, came up in the special session of the legislature was made the most of by Mayor Johnson, and he made the curative proposition as an infamous thing, and when eight democrats voted for it did not hesitate to read them out of the party.

Two weeks ago Mayor Johnson spoke in this city. He made in his speech an attack upon the present methods of railroad taxation, and gave figures to show that a trunk line passing through Ohio paid taxes in Indiana that it did in Ohio, his point being that it was better to "beat" the Ohio tax laws. It happened that John H. Clark of Cleveland, who was then speaker of the house, was sitting on the platform at the time, was the attorney for this railway company, and he immediately contradicted Mr. Johnson, showing that while the appraised value was lower in Ohio than it was in Indiana, the tax rate was higher in Ohio, and so the company paid more taxes in Ohio than it did in the sister state.

## Attitude of the Republicans.

The republicans are saying very little about the issues of 1896 and their endorsement in the democratic platform. In their campaign literature and on the stump they are trying to show that while Johnson has been fighting for cheap street railway fares on other lines he has been charging high fares on his own, and that while he has argued that corporate property was escaping taxation he was himself a tax-dodger, and for several hundred thousand dollars back taxes pending now against him in the courts at Cleveland. It is well known that Mayor Johnson was a friend and admirer of Henry George and advocates his single tax theory. The republican state committee is addressing letters to him asking him if he subscribes to certain propositions of this kind as laid down by Mr. George. Mayor Johnson ignores them, but the republican committee is flooding the various districts with copies of the letter, intending by this to turn the land-owning farmers against Johnson. Rural Ohio is democratic, and unless the democrats can get their full strength there they will have no chance to carry the state.

Peculiar notions that Mayor Johnson has been advocating for several years, rather than state or national matters, have thus become the issue of the campaign. Mayor Johnson in his brief talks is warning the laborers of the shops that failure to endorse the republican plan in power will along the line will make uncertainty in the present conditions of general employment and good wages. His homely aphorisms along this line, "Let us have a good day," "We know our business" and "Stand pat," have become catch-words among the campaign workers.

The most important office to be filled this year is secretary of state. The republican nominee is Lewis C. Laylin of Norwalk, the present incumbent. The democratic nominee is Herbert S. Bigelow, a Congregational pastor of Cincinnati. All the candidates are unobjectionable, and the personnel will cut small figure in the campaign. Bigelow and Johnson travel together over the state. In the mayor's automobile, wagons conveying a tent from place to place, and a meeting place where the town does not have a sufficiently large hall. There is no attempt at highfalutin in the campaign. The caricatures of the "Johnson menagerie" travel over the state are republican misrepresentation. It is simply a cheap and effective campaign method.

## Effect of Recent Legislation.

It remains to be seen what effect the special session of the legislature and the municipal code is preparing will have on the campaign. The legislature is republican in both branches, and the party may be held to account for what it does. After two months' work it is about to pass a code which will make it impossible for a man and one in which no opportunity to take a party advantage has been overlooked. The municipal code is likely to have a form of government put upon them wholly unsuited to their requirements simply because Geo. B. Cox, the republican of Cincinnati, now has been unwilling that city should be disturbed by any considerable disturbance of the present city government. If this code is adopted, as it seems almost certain to be now, there is sure to come a cry of "the people's code," and how far they will hold the party to account remains to be seen. However, the code will not go into effect until the first of the year, and so their trouble will be that they have no election day comes. Ohio has about 20,000 miners, and some apprehension was felt by leading republicans about the effect of the coal miners' strike upon these. But now that the strike is settled it is believed that though the price of coal is about double the usual selling price here yet.

The republicans cannot possibly gain any credence from this state. The chance of losing two districts—the third and twelfth. In the third Representative

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## HOUSE & HERRMANN, 901-903 Seventh Street Corner of I (Eye) Street.

Nevin is again the candidate of the republicans. He has a much better chance for election than he had two years ago, for the reason the union labor of his district is fighting his opponent hard and effectively. The republicans are not so sure of Tompkins' election another term. The republicans have nominated an able man, Cyrus Huling of this city, to succeed him, but he is not so popular. The democrats have nominated against him Judge D. C. Badger, who has repeatedly shown himself a good vote for the democrats. The democrats are not so sure of the day and will attend services in a body at one of the churches.

## A WEEK OF MEETINGS.

Program Arranged by the District Anti-Saloon League.

The Anti-Saloon League of the District has arranged for a series of public revival meetings beginning this evening and continuing through the next Sunday. The seventh annual series of meetings under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon League, and the services during the week will be held at several different churches in various parts of the city. The first meeting will take place at Metropolitan Presbyterian Church this evening. President Edwin C. Leake will preside, and condensed reports will be given of the work of the league. The services of welcome and the session will close with an illustrated lecture on "The Liquor Traffic in Washington" by Herman C. Metcalf. The second meeting will be held Tuesday evening in the auditorium of Marvin M. E. Church South. The program will include introductory services by the young people of the church and an address by Rev. C. H. Crawford of Richmond, state superintendent of Virginia league. First Vice President Canfield will preside.

An evening of music in the auditorium of the Anti-Saloon League will be held on Wednesday evening. Dr. Bischoff will render an organ prelude, followed by the choir competition for the prize of \$25 offered by the Anti-Saloon League of the District for the best anti-saloon song, hymn or anthem. Other music will be rendered during the evening. At the Georgetown Evangelical Lutheran Church Thursday night the meeting will be presided over by Owen P. Keller, president of the District C. E. Union. Rev. Stanley Billheimer, the pastor, will conduct introductory services and Mr. S. C. Nicholson, state superintendent of Maryland A. S. L., will deliver an address. The fifth meeting will take place at Cal-

## A MAINE CAPTAIN FINDS THE WOMEN WHO GAVE HIM A PILL.

Captain Ira B. Gardner, who attended the G. A. R. encampment with the veterans from Maine, related a most interesting story to a Star reporter yesterday shortly before his departure for his home in Pottam, Maine. He said:

"I lost my right arm at the battle of Ocoquan Creek, Va., September 19, 1864, while serving under General Sheridan. Immediately after I was wounded I was taken to a nearby farmhouse and laid in the hallway to await the arrival of the surgeons to amputate my arm. The floor was a very uncomfortable resting place for my head, and I asked the woman of the house for a pillow, for which I gave her \$5. In due time the surgeons arrived and performed the operation and I was sent to Winchester, from which place I returned to my home.

"Last year my wife and I came down to Virginia and looked over the battlefield at Ocoquan Creek, where I was so seriously injured. While walking about I found the house in which I was laid after being wounded, and the woman who ministered to my wants and gave me the pillow. I began to talk to her about the war, and she said that although there had been between 300 and 400 soldiers treated in her house, only one had ever given her any money. She said that if she remembered right it was a Captain Gardner of a Maine regiment, who made her a present of \$5. I informed her that that was my name and that I was the officer she referred to. She said if I was Captain Gardner she would show me something that would interest me. She led my wife and I back to the spot upon which I had been laid thirty-seven years before and pointed out stains which, she said, were

caused by my blood. The woman said she had tried many times to wash away the blood stains, but without success. I gave the woman \$10 then and mailed her a check for \$25 upon my return home. I related the fact of finding the woman to my father, who also mailed her a check for \$25, and we agreed that the woman should not want as long as either of us lived."

Captain Gardner, who earned the rank of brevet lieutenant colonel for services during the war, said he thought it most remarkable that the blood stains should remain on the floor of the house for more than thirty-seven years. Captain Gardner said the veterans from Maine had certainly enjoyed themselves during the late encampment, and that he thought the Congress should appropriate funds for the purpose of holding the G. A. R. encampment annually in this city.

## ABUSED HIS SON.

An Aged Father Who in the Police Court Told Story.

A pathetic scene was witnessed in the United States branch of the Police Court Saturday morning when John Curtis of 1118 1st street north-west, a man eighty-five years of age, who is quite feeble, was called on to testify against his son, Michael P. Curtis, whom he charged with threats.

It was with considerable difficulty that the old man, who, if not a feeble, mounted the three steps leading up to the witness stand, and that he went out of the house and left him in there. Michael, the father said, followed him out and grabbed hold of him, and threatened to throw him down a flight of steps leading to the cellar of his home. Mr. Curtis, Jr., said that his son's manner had changed toward him of late, because he had given some property to a granddaughter.

The defendant declared that he had never attempted to harm his father, and had no intention of doing so, but Judge Kimball

## ABRACADABRA CLUB.

Program Enjoyed at the First Meeting of the Season.

The first meeting of the Abracadabra Club for the season was held Wednesday evening, October 15, with Mrs. E. L. Pierce, the president, Mr. C. G. Abbott presiding. The program was opened by five-minute recitations by Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Brock, Mr. Chamberlain, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Squier and Mrs. A. P. Clark. Mr. J. L. McCreey read two of his humorous poems, by special request. Rev. Martin B. Stone spoke a few words of greeting as a guest of the club. The essay of the evening was by Mr. A. P. Clark, Jr., on the development of Washington. The subject was discussed by Mr. Croissant and others. Miss Berda Wilson rendered Weber's Concertino, Op. 79, and as an encore Newland's Valse Caprice. Miss Leonora Merritt read an extract from "Innocent Abroad." Refreshments were served by Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Brock. Guests present included Rev. M. B. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Dwell of Minnesota, Mrs. Harding and Miss Lyman, Mrs. Gup, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Weish, Mr. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, Miss May S. Smith and Mr. Pierce. The club members present were: Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, Dr. Mrs. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Bessell, Mr. and Mrs. Brock, Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Gup, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. P. Clark, Mr. Croissant, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Dawson, Miss Doherty, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ide, Mr. and Mrs. McCreary, Miss Merrick, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Sterns, Mr. and Mrs. Squier, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Story and Miss Van Doren.

## LITERATURE OF MUSIC.

Wealth of Material to Be Found in the Library of Congress.

The music division of the Library of Congress is one of the few divisions open on Sundays from 2 to 10 p.m. as well as daily from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Aside from the music, which ranks from popular ballads to chamber music, symphonies, operas and oratorios, is to be found an extensive collection of books on music and musicians, permitting the reader to study the history

and theory of music in all its branches. The musical scholar or critic will find full information in the numerous standard scientific books, the unprofessional music lover in many dictionaries and books written in a more popular style, and more numerous collections of composition and essays on music.

The division is made further attractive by the musical periodicals, the current numbers of which are kept in an accessible place, where they can be consulted at any time by the public. Among the better known American periodicals on file are the Musicalian, Music, the Etude, the Musical World, the Philharmonic, the Musical Record and Review, the Concert Goer, and the Musical Courier. The best foreign ones at present procurable are Le Ménestrel, Gazette Musicale di Milano, Allgemeine Musik Zeitung, Signale and the Musical Times and Musical Standard of London. Large additions are soon to be made to (better embracing publications in French, English, German, Italian and other languages, and including such famous reviews as Revue Musicale, Le Guide Musical, both monthly and quarterly publications of the Internationale Musik Gesellschaft, several reviews dealing especially with the orchestra, sacred music, chamber music, etc. The librarian announces that it will be impossible to list the vast number of new works known, in order that works not procurable in the music division may be recommended for purchase, so far as within the proper scope of a library.

## DEMAND FOR COAL.

Effect of Prospect of Strike Settlement and Moderate Weather.

Local coal dealers seen today said that no hard coal had been received in Washington other than a few car loads that were sent for use at the White House and the Capitol. The consensus of opinion was that it will be at least two weeks, and perhaps longer, before the first shipments of anthracite from the Pennsylvania mines will reach the city. The few dealers who have small supplies have reduced the price to about \$15 a ton. The warm weather of the past few days, coupled with the knowledge that the strike will return to work this week, has made the demand less marked.

## TWO WILLS FILED.

A Number of Bequests Made by Georgia A. Chamberlain.

By the terms of the will of Georgia Anna Chamberlain, dated September 24, 1899, and

filed today, bequests as follows are made: To Almira A. Cutler, \$1,000; to Lydia W. Barker, \$1,000; to Ada M. Wiswell, \$1,000; to George W. Chamberlain, \$500; to Paul A. Chamberlain, \$800; to Laura Gertrude Wiswell, \$500; to Emma S. Barker, \$200; to Lillian M. Barker, \$200; to Hubert L. Barker, \$200; to Adelle L. Cutler, \$200; to Lillian W. Chamberlain, \$50; to Fayette Walker, \$50; to Mrs. Emma L. Clark, \$50, and a number of gifts of personal effects to those mentioned.

The will of Ann Maria Bowle, dated October 5, 1902, was also filed today for probate. Her estate is left to her husband, Thomas Bowle.

## The Sherman Statue.

To the Editor of The Evening Star.

I note the remarks of "Observer" in The Star as to the faulty location of the Sherman statue. What could have induced any one to select that site I cannot comprehend, for it can only be seen for less than a square on the avenue. To be sure, it can be seen from the rear if one goes down below the treasury or White House, but not one in a thousand of those who visit the city go there, and even if they should they would see something better than a rear view. Next to General Grant, he was the greatest general of the war, and his statue should have one of the most conspicuous positions to be had in the city, where it could readily be seen by all. The site ought to be changed even now. A CITIZEN.

## Western Union Sues P. R. R.

A dispatch from Pittsburgh says: The fight between the Cassatt and Gould interests opened in earnest Saturday when the Western Union Telegraph Company filed a bill in equity against the Pennsylvania company to restrain the defendant from taking away from the Western Union the right to use the telegraph lines along the Pennsylvania railroad.

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